

**5806. Adulteration of tomatoes. U. S. \* \* \* v. Webster-Butterfield Co., a corporation. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$30 and costs. (F. & D. No. 8269. I. S. Nos. 1717-m, 1967-m.)**

On August 24, 1917, the United States attorney for the District of Maryland, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against the Webster-Butterfield Co., a corporation, Baltimore, Md., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about August 10, and September 28, 1916, from the State of Maryland into the States of Connecticut and South Carolina, respectively, of quantities of an article labeled in part, "Southern Queen" (or "Webster's Best") "Brand Tomatoes," which in each shipment was adulterated.

Examination of samples of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed it to contain added water.

Adulteration of the article in each shipment was alleged in the information for the reason that a substance, to wit, added water, had been mixed and packed with it so as to reduce and lower and injuriously affect its quality and strength, and had been substituted in part for the article.

On August 24, 1917, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$30 and costs.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*